

Remarks

Reconsideration and clarification are respectfully requested. Claims 1-41 are pending. Claims 40-41 have been added. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Rejections

Claims 1 and 26 stand rejected as anticipated by Rosen (US 6,122,625).

Claims 2-25 and 27-34 stand rejected as obvious over Rosen in view of Tedesco (US 6,282,523).

Allowed Claims 35-39

Claims 35-39 were filed October 5, 2007. The current final rejection is dated November 2, 2007. That is, claims 35-39 were filed before the current final rejection. MPEP § 706.07(e) makes clear that any amendment filed between the August 7, 2007 (first) final rejection and the November 2, 2007 (second) final rejection is entitled to unhindered entry. Claims 35-39 were filed between the first and second final rejections. Thus, claims 35-39 are pending.

In the absence in the record of any rejection or objection thereto, claims 35-39 must be considered to be allowed by the Office. The inferred allowance of claims 35-39 is appreciated. Applicants respectfully request that the record be clarified to specifically state that claims 35-39 are allowed.

The Rejections are traversed by Applicants

Applicants respectfully traverse the pending rejections for the reasons set forth in their Responses filed May 22, 2007 and October 5, 2007, which are herein incorporated by reference.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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